

Press Release

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Juvenile with firearm leads to their arrest

On Friday, June 2, 2023 at 10:28 A.M., officers with the Lake City Police Department were dispatched to NW Bascom Norris Drive, Cedar Park Apartments, to the report of two individuals being armed. Before officers arrived, the two fled south on the railroad tracks. Descriptions of both were provided to responding officers.

Upon arrival, officers located the two individuals, determined to be juveniles, matching the description given walking on the railroad tracks. A pat search for weapons revealed one of the two was concealing a handgun in the front of his waistband. A check of the firearm's serial number was conducted through Lake City Communications Officers and the check revealed the firearm was reported stolen from Jacksonville, Florida.

Witnesses advised the two were involved in a verbal altercation with a third unidentified individual. During the altercation the third individual told the first two "shoot me then". The two then walked to an adult in the area, who provided a firearm. After being provided the firearm, the two fled from the area after being told 911 had been called.

The armed juvenile was arrested and transported to the Columbia County Detention Center for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Carrying a Concealed Weapon and Dealing in Stolen Property.

Charges are pending on the known adult for Transfer of a Firearm to a Minor and Obstructing Justice.



Report information anonymously by calling the LCPD TIPS line at 386-719-2068
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